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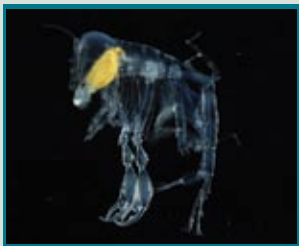
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# TIDE CHARTS

## TRACKING THE EBB AND FLOW OF COASTAL ENVIRONMENTALISM



DREAMTIME



DAVID SHALE, COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN



ANDY MURCH

### School "House" Rocks!



Great news! The No Child Left Behind Act has been reintroduced in both the House and Senate—key portions that were added emphasize environmental education in public schools. This means more field trips to zoos and aquariums, among other things. The House and Senate have also jointly increased funding for environmental education by \$40 million (the bulk of which will go to climate change education). Let's hear it for the groms!

### Express Yourself



Think you reveal too much? Well, check out this tiny shrimp-like creature called *Phronima*. It shows everything its got—inside and out—in an attempt to disappear and camouflage itself from its predators. This strange new species was discovered during a recent exploration of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

### Give The Men in The Grey Suits A Break



Sharks may not be the most popular guys in the line-up, but this species gets a bad rap. Some sharks are actually being threatened to the brink of extinction. Commonly known as the "bad asses of the sea," these guys are actually the most biologically vulnerable animals in the oceans. They have a slow growth rate, late maturation, lengthy pregnancies and small litters. This makes them especially vulnerable to overfishing. Poor little chompers.

# Making Waves

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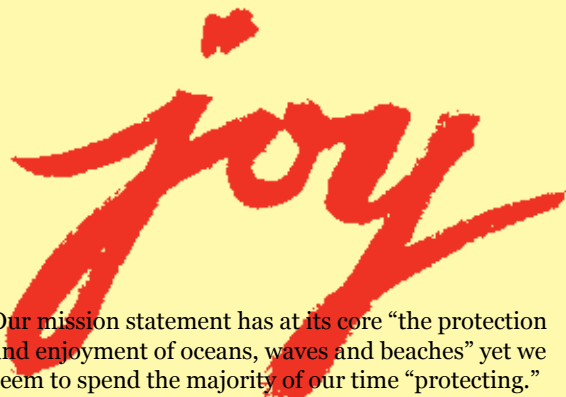
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Our mission statement has at its core “the protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches” yet we seem to spend the majority of our time “protecting.” Most of our efforts surround preservation campaigns, awareness efforts regarding protection, and enabling activism. Meanwhile, if you were to give the random person in the world a choice between “protection of oceans, waves and beaches” or “enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches” ... I’m guessing the strong majority would pick enjoyment. So for this issue, we’re going to move our minds over to the joy side of the equation.

### Joy. (n)

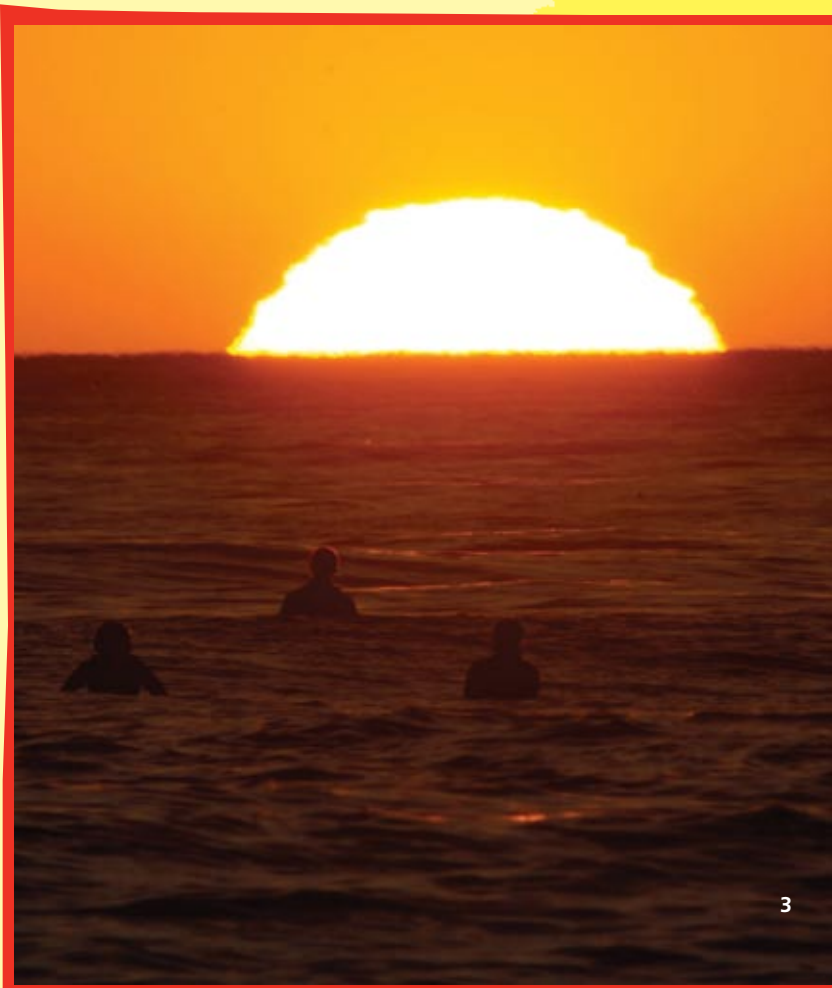
1. The emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation: She felt the joy of seeing her son’s success.
2. A source or cause of keen pleasure or delight; something or someone greatly valued or appreciated: Her prose style is a pure joy.
3. The expression or display of glad feeling; festive gaiety.
4. A state of happiness or felicity.

Joy is the mindset of being content with a situation ... having a smile so big it feels like it’s wrapped around your head. Joy can be a calm satisfaction or a super active emotion. What do you think of when you think of joy?

My thoughts immediately go to my kids. Joy to me is playing in the ocean with my twins. We can be on a blow-up raft, any size surfboard or with nothing at all. This past summer we had some family memories in Nantucket that I’ll never forget; low tide sojourns around Madaket harbor, a family of four paddling around for hours on a two-person kayak. Few things deliver the simple, clean fun of playing in the world’s largest amusement park with your kids.

If I let my mind go to where there is more action involved ... joy is dropping down the face of a glassy, head-high, seventy degree wave on my 5’8” Twinzer Fish. I love that feeling of the bottom turn and setting up the ride. How wonderful is it to see a wall of water in front of you and drag your hand in the face of the wave? How unique is the simple glide a la Skip Frye? The richest man in the world has nothing that approaches the feeling that a good ride delivers (unless of course he surfs).

LUKE SNAUDE



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Joy to me is that unexplainable feeling that all is well. Everything good has aligned. The feeling that life is wonderful and that nature is indescribable. Joy is something very close to, perhaps overlapping with, love.

Of course, one could make a very crisp argument that in order to preserve that joy for others we need to take measures to protect the very things that drive our joy. An argument could be made that links enjoyment to the need for protection. I could make those arguments easily, but for this issue I’m going to reside on the joy side of our mission statement.

As you read this issue think of the simple joys you get in and around our oceans, waves and beaches. It doesn’t matter if all that takes is a simple walk on the beach, or even just thinking of the beach you visited with your family when you were a child. Think about how special that area is... bask in the memories that make the whole experience so memorable.

This issue of *Making Waves*, we wish you something priceless. We wish you joy.

—Jim Moriarty, Chief Executive Officer

# Joy



## **Bear Harbor, the Lost Coast, California.**

"I love a secluded beach, where you can go and camp all by yourself for a few days. You take a board, and if there are waves, you're stoked, but if there aren't, you're just as stoked, because you get to have some quiet time alone with the ocean. You can walk along the tide lines, or just sit on the rocks and see if you can see the tide coming or going, or if the swell is rising or falling. Then along comes an epic sunset (aren't they all epic at the beach?) and you're feeling full of wonder and amazement and that you deserve to be treated to such a solo treat, and at the same time a little sad that there's no one there to share it with you ... until you turn around to see a family of giant elk relaxing near the river mouth. You look at each other, and you smile and know that you're right where you should be."

—Joe Soave

South Lake Tahoe, CA  
Surfrider member #127153



"I love finding an empty beach where you can feel like the only person on the planet... Everything that is troublesome in life is washed away with the waves."

—Jaime McClain



"This is a picture of my son and husband, recently snapped here in South Florida. We were getting ready for a day of longboarding at Stuart Rocks. My husband is pictured here telling our 16-month-old son about the waves, sets, and ocean in general."

—Deb Pizzimenti





“These pictures are from North Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. I love this beach because every time I go there I make really good memories that keep me going everyday. The first time I ever went there I was 17-years-old and I had just graduated from high school. I went because it was the final national trip for my Girlscout troop. I learned to surf and got to spend lots of time with my friends. I also went there with my family and it was peaceful and of course, lots of fun. And has been every year that we have gone. I also had my first ‘beach kiss’ there. So that is why I love Myrtle Beach and look forward to every summer I can go to spend there even if it is for a short while.”

—Vy Ma, Baltimore, MD



“Malecon escenico en Playa El Murcielago.”

—Chiqui



—Heather Carnegie, Mexico



“This is a shot of the Ventura Overhead (Emma Wood State Beach) during the big winter swell of December 12, 2005. A flower spike of *Agave americana* is in the foreground. Hope you like it.”

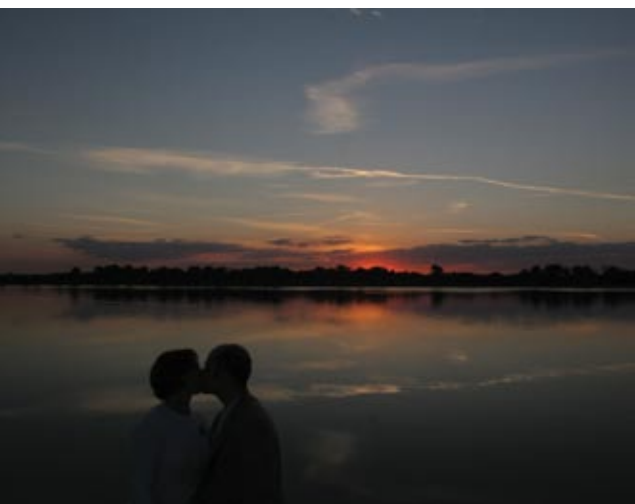
—Mark Schneider



Photo taken by Drew  
Schneier along the coast  
of Cape Cod, MA.



"This shot is of Sunzal, El  
Savador, July 2007 (this  
was a small day)."  
—Felipe Bascope



"We LOVE our Florida beach so much, we were  
married there in 2006. This photo is at the  
Intracoastal overpass next to Marineland."  
—Heather Bjorn



"This photo is of a St. Lucia beach in front of a Sandals resort. I know...  
I prefer untouched beaches to 'resorts' but this photo was too pretty."  
—Cori Lahners





# GROM ART CONTEST

Thank you, thank you to all of you who sent in art submissions reflecting what the oceans, waves and beaches mean to you. There were so many great pictures and poems it was hard to pick our winners. To see all of the submissions we received visit: [www.surfrider.org/makingwaves](http://www.surfrider.org/makingwaves) And check out our winners and future Picassos del Mar below. They all will receive a gift from our projectBlue line, [www.betrue to blue.com](http://www.betrue to blue.com)

Oliver Simon, 8 years old.  
Virginia Beach, Virginia



“To me, the ocean means surfing until the sun goes down!”  
—Ariane Dumas,  
Boca Grande, Florida

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My name is Astrid Asmundsson. I am 10 years old. I believe that oceans could be a lot cleaner, but with the ability for people to still enjoy them. My picture is trying to prove that we (meaning ocean lovers) can keep the sea cleaner without effecting how much people like & visit the ocean to enjoy its scenery, surf, swim, play, etc .  
—Astrid, Brooklyn, New York



# WATER QUALITY ISSUES

Number Five in a Series of Five.  
**Ocean Friendly Gardens:  
Be a Part of the Solution, Not the Pollution**

By Joe Geever and Rick Wilson



Surfrider Foundation has launched an Ocean Friendly Gardens program. Surfrider and landscape design? Goofy-footed Greenthumbs? Why? Because our gardens are contributing to polluted urban runoff. It's time to quit complaining and take some personal steps to resolve ocean pollution.

Runoff from residential landscapes affects the health of our oceans and the quality of our lives. The sediment in water reduces clarity; nutrients increase algae populations and red tides; bacteria closes beaches; debris can choke aquatic species; and pesticides from our garden can poison fish consumed by humans—all of which degrade the natural beauty, and our enjoyment, of the ocean.

No, we're not landscape design experts, but our partners who have provided us with many good ideas and resources on how to re-landscape to save money, conserve water and reduce urban runoff. Plus, you end up with a beautiful home for yourself and wildlife!

We're piloting the Ocean Friendly Gardens program in Southern California, but these principles apply



in any climate. Using native or climate-adapted plants that don't require supplemental water or chemicals is a universal principle. Conservation, Permeability and Retention, CPR© is applicable anywhere. It's a way to design and maintain our gardens so that we reduce urban runoff—and the pollutants that go with it.

Even in wet climates we can create rain gardens—a planted depression that is designed to capture excess rainwater run-off from your property. Rain garden plants are typically a selection of wetland edge vegetation: sedges, rushes, ferns, shrubs and trees that absorb the excess water and return vapor into the atmosphere. Rain gardens are one of the fastest growing ideas for home landscapes.

For more information visit our Ocean Friendly Gardens Web site at:  
**[www.surfrider.org/ofg](http://www.surfrider.org/ofg)**

Chapter involvement in this program ranges from simply handing out brochures at tabling events, adding a webpage or link to Chapter web sites, and providing landscape training workshops, to advocating city ordinances on landscaping and water use/runoff controls. Chapters can choose from any of these components of the program.

Start participating in your local Chapter or at home and share your ideas on how to make the program blossom. Have a little fun, get creative, and become a part of the solution—not the pollution.

## **CPR**

*CPR* stands for Conservation, Permeability, and Retention, and when fully employed, either cleans and/or eliminates run-off. Gardeners can greatly affect our ocean's health. First, much of our paths and driveways can be changed to permeable surfaces and we can add simple retention practices—reducing polluted runoff. Second, we can dramatically reduce the use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other pollutants that degrade healthy oceans and create human health risks when they run off our landscapes during rain or because of over-watering. For tips on CPR and helpful hints on using ocean-friendly alternatives to fertilizers, pesticides and other harmful and unnecessary chemicals, visit [www.surfrider.org/ofg](http://www.surfrider.org/ofg). Proper native plant selection eliminates much of the need for those things!



## CONSERVATION

Irrigation reduction through conservation has many benefits:

- It eliminates dry season run-off and reduces certain pest populations.
- A drier landscape allows the soil to retain more rain water.
- Use of efficient irrigation systems with a “Smart-Timer” and low-flow components (like soaker tubing) significantly reduces water usage while effectively irrigating your plants.
- Adjusting sprinkler heads to minimize overspray, and regularly checking the system for leaks or improper flow patterns will reduce runoff and wasted water.

**Alternatives to Lawns:** Lawns are notoriously bad for the ocean—not only do they require a lot of water, but the run-off they produce is loaded with fertilizers and herbicides. Instead of a lawn, there are many attractive alternatives that naturally belong in your climate region.

## PERMEABILITY

Increasing permeability means reducing the amount of impervious surfaces (pavement, concrete) or replacing them with materials that allow water to infiltrate into the ground. Increasing permeable surfaces tends to slow “water sheeting” and makes use of

the infiltration capacity of soil. Some techniques used to increase permeability are redesigning driveways, rethinking the paths that lead around a house, and getting creative with patios. Some alternatives to concrete in high-use areas include brick, decking, pavers, porous asphalt and stone. For medium-use areas, consider crushed aggregate, decomposed granite, or turf block. Low-use areas can employ hearty groundcover and mulches.

## RETENTION

Retaining water on site is essential to an ocean friendly garden. Retention gives the water an opportunity to infiltrate to the water table below. Infiltration can directly contribute to a community’s water supply by re-charging groundwater, while simultaneously reducing polluted run-off. Retention devices include retention basins, dry wells, and swales. For landscapes that can’t afford to load up the land with water due to shallow clay soils, the goal becomes “screening” the exiting water. Screening slows the water to allow partial percolation and makes use of soil or vegetation to absorb or filter out pollutants.

*Joe Geever is Surfrider Foundation’s California Policy Coordinator. Rick Wilson is Surfrider Foundation’s Coastal Management Coordinator.*

# COASTAL A—Z

Since its passage in 2000, the BEACH Act has been funding beach water-quality monitoring programs in coastal states across the nation.

Congress is now considering much-needed amendments to increase the amount of money spent on monitoring and to modernize the technology we rely on to protect the health of the beach-going public. The Beach Protection Act of 2007 requires

the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt rapid testing methods that will provide water-quality data within hours of sampling. It also proposes to fund bacterial-source-tracking studies so that we can find the sources of beach pollution and do something about it.

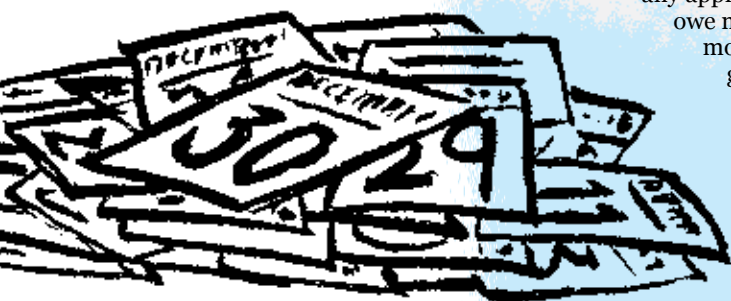
Please send a letter asking your Congressional Representatives to support the Beach Protection Act by visiting the Surfrider Foundation Action Network at: [www.surfrider.org/beachact](http://www.surfrider.org/beachact)





## IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS...

Year end is a great time for giving. When you make a year-end gift to support our work you aren't just giving money. You're perpetuating your own values and those of the Surfrider Foundation—a commitment to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches. You're making a statement that says, "I believe in the mission and vision of the Surfrider Foundation and I want to support your continued efforts."



By making a gift to the Surfrider Foundation before December 31, you can help secure our vision for the future—to advance coastal conservation victories and preserve that special wave, beach or coastline for future generations.

The end of the calendar year, especially, marks the time when many people think about making charitable gifts. If you itemize deductions on your income tax returns, you're able to deduct your charitable contributions during the past year. Then, when you calculate your deductions and the resulting tax savings, you may discover that you can make an even larger gift than you thought possible.

**Why does it help?** U.S. tax laws intentionally encourage charitable giving. Because of the income tax charitable deduction, individuals who make their gifts to charity by December 31 and itemize their deductions can significantly reduce their income taxes for 2007. For example:

*A donor who makes a \$1,000 charitable gift can save \$310 in taxes if they are in the 31% tax bracket. Thus, it's like the donor has only spent \$690. And, the higher your tax bracket, the more money you save with a charitable gift.*

Many states also allow an income tax deduction for charitable gifts, so often the tax savings are even higher than those generated by the federal income tax deduction alone.

Obviously, supporting the Surfrider Foundation is not only about tax laws and deductions. Without the financial support of our donors, we would not be able to continue our mission-related coastal conservation efforts. Your commitment to our work does make a difference.

**Here are six tips to help you make the most of your year-end giving:**

### 1. Calculate your income.

Take the time to do some planning while you still have the opportunity to make a year-end gift. Try to get a handle on your tax liability for the year. Did your unearned income increase? Did you sell any appreciated assets? Will you owe more taxes? This alone may motivate you to increase your giving before December 31.

### 2. Talk to your advisor.

Before making a gift to the Surfrider Foundation, or to any other nonprofit

for that matter, you should have your CPA, attorney, or other advisor help you understand the impact of your gift on your income tax return and estate.

### 3. Review your stocks.

Look at the stocks you have held for more than a year. Which ones have appreciated the most? It may be prudent for you to make your year-end gift using one or more of these stocks. Here's why: If you sell the stock, you will incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. However, if you gift the stock you get a charitable deduction for the full amount of the stock, just as you would if your gift was made with cash. And if you can't use all of the income tax charitable deduction resulting from the gift, you can carry it forward for up to an additional five years. Such gifts are deductible up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

### 4. Do your giving early.

This is especially true if you want to make a gift of stock or other non-cash assets. It also applies to life-income gifts (gift annuities, trust arrangements, etc.). These methods of giving often take longer to complete and process and your gift must be made by December 31 in order for the deduction to count toward your 2007 taxes.

### 5. Consider a life-income gift.

For those of our members who are over age 65 the Surfrider Foundation offers a variety of life-income plans to fit your needs. You can make a gift now, obtain tax benefits, and receive income for the rest of your life. Sound too good to be true? A few minutes of your time will convince you otherwise.

### 6. Don't forget about gift matching.

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. To find out if your company has a matching gift policy, please contact your company's human resources department or email us at [membership@surfrider.org](mailto:membership@surfrider.org). Most companies match dollar for dollar, and some will double or triple match donors' gifts. If your gift is eligible, simply request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it—completed and signed—along with your gift, to: Surfrider Foundation  
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# POWER OF ONE

## Ximena Waissbluth

Ximena Waissbluth probably knows more about plastic than she ever dreamed she would. Having previously been an “armchair activist” (in her words), she has come full circle in the two-and-a-half years she’s been involved with Surfrider Foundation’s Monterey Chapter. These days she is not only actively campaigning against plastic marine debris, she’s also leading a one-woman effort to educate the masses. This gal is busy.

Her interest in this plastic plague began through her involvement in Chapter beach cleanups, where she found herself coming face-to-face with all of mankind’s junk. Yuck! These experiences made enough of an impression that she began researching to learn more about marine debris during her free time. This research led to even more research. However, it was a presentation given by Captain Charles Moore of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation that inspired her to turn her research into action.

In addition to changing her own personal habits—like bringing her own reusable grocery tote and coffee mugs to the store—Ximena decided to take all of the information she had gathered and whittle it down to a digestible, dynamic PowerPoint presentation. Her intent was to share what she had learned with others, conveying both the importance of reducing marine debris and ways to take action. She gave the presentation at a Chapter general meeting, then classrooms, and interest built to the point where she was giving the presentation to local politicians and decision-makers!

One day while she was walking on the beach, it hit her to take the show on the road—literally. She decided that she wanted to pursue this passion even further, so she crafted a plan to do a “plastics tour” of sorts and give the presentation to communities of varying demographic and geographic location throughout the state. She hits the road later this year—Go Ximena!

*Sarah Corbin is Surfrider Foundation’s Central Coast Regional Manager.*

**For an extended Q & A with Ximena please visit: [www.surfrider.org/makingwaves](http://www.surfrider.org/makingwaves)**

SARAH CORBIN







NYC Chapter activist Chris Wade (far right) and the youth of kidsmART with the results of their beach cleanup.

## EAST COAST NEW YORK

### New York City Chapter

**NYC Chapter activist Chris Wade** is an English teacher during the school year, but he spent part of his summer teaching kids about the beach environment. Surfrider Foundation's **NYC Chapter** teamed up with the Rockaway Artists Alliance, RAA and the Gateway National Recreation Area to bring a series of educational sessions to local youths. Twenty kids in the RAA's kidsmART learned about the beach ecosystem and got some hands-on experience replacing dune fencing, doing a beach cleanup and testing water.

The NYC Chapter opened up another beach to surfing in Rockaway Beach, NY. **Rockaway Beach Park Administrator, Jill Weber; Assemblywoman, Audrey Pfeffer**; Chapter members; and community leaders were all on hand at the event hosted by **NYC Parks Commissioner, Adrian Benepe**. After the event, the Commissioner got a quick lesson from Chapter activists **Kui Nakamura** and **Chris Wade** who pushed him into some waves. **Commissioner Benepe** stood up on his first try!



NYC Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe on his second wave ever!

### Central Long Island Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Central Long Island Chapter** was successful in keeping one of Long Island's most popular beach parks intact including their beautiful views and vistas. The Long Island Power Authority, LIPA scrapped their plans to put massive wind turbines offshore well within sight of several parks. While recognizing that renewable energy is a good thing, activists like **Jim Papa** argued that the unobstructed view of the horizon is part of the parks' splendor and should be preserved. The Chapter called for building the wind facility on a different site to keep the parks intact and for more economical alternatives like solar power. **Chapter Chair, Joe Moses** even put a full photovoltaic system on his house! In the end, LIPA said cost was the main factor for canceling their plans. The final estimate of \$700 million for the project was much higher than LIPA's initial estimate of \$200 million.

### Eastern Long Island Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Eastern Long Island Chapter** successfully defended a surfer who was ticketed at Montauk Point State Park for surfing. Chapter members showed up in court en masse to see the judge dismiss the ticket "in the interest of furtherance of justice." Attorney and **Chapter activist Joe Giannini** defended the surfer and argued that the statute cited in the ticket does not expressly prohibit surfing. The Chapter continues to meet with State Park officials to make surfing legal in Montauk Point State Park.

## CONNECTICUT

### Connecticut Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Connecticut Chapter**—working in conjunction with Surfrider Foundation Headquarters—is moving full force on their "Broadwater Campaign." Broadwater Energy Company is purposing to build a 28-story-tall Liquefied Natural Gas industrial complex in the middle of the Long Island Sound. As a tactic in the campaign the Chapter has set up an Action Alert so people can send a message of opposition directly to representatives in both Connecticut and New York. Because of that pressure, Broadwater Energy is on the defensive—again! The Connecticut Chapter needs your help in defeating this obscenely proposed Liquefied Natural Gas Facility in the middle of Long Island Sound. Please contact them to see how you can help at [www.surfrider.org/connecticut/](http://www.surfrider.org/connecticut/)





NICOLE CARTER

Virginia Beach Chapter's Ari & Nicole Lawrence go green to get hitched.

## VIRGINIA

### Virginia Beach Chapter

Congratulations to Surfrider Foundation's **Virginia Beach Chapter Chairman, Ari Lawrence** and his bride **Nicole** who were married over the 2007 Earth Day weekend in Puerto Rico. Surfrider Foundation's **Delaware Chapter Chairman Mark Carter** served as the best man. Ari proposed to Nicole on Earth Day 2006, while in Oahu to see Jack Johnson at his Kokua Festival. In keeping with the spirit of the "holiday" the couple strived to have an eco-friendly wedding by using evite wedding invitations, RSVP's and making group travel arrangements. Almost all of the 70-plus guests attending the wedding arrived to Puerto Rico on one of three group flights from around the country (a massive car pool of sorts). The Ceremony was held on a point at the beautiful Balneario De Luquillo, a Blue Flag State Park/Beach.

After the honeymoon, the Virginia Beach Chapter started the summer off with a bang by hosting an event for **Margo "Miami to Maine" Pellegrino** who paddled her way to the Hampton Roads area and was followed by an escort across the Chesapeake Bay to the eastern shore. Instead of raising funds for the Chapter on Margo's behalf the members and general public participated in a "pledge to make an effort" drive. Since Margo went the extra "mile" to paddle in a kayak from Miami to Maine to bring awareness to the current state of our oceans, the Chapter members pledged numerous changes and efforts on her behalf. For example, members changed all of the light bulbs in their houses to green efficient bulbs and numerous members pledged to start recycling everything they possibly can. People pledged to begin buying as much organic food as possible, and others vowed to ALWAYS clean up after their dogs. Other attendees promised to remove (and never use again) any and all pesticides and other harmful things from their household, and a bunch of members pledged to SURF IN, TRASH OUT, which means that whenever you leave the beach you pick up all the trash you see on your path out.

Less than a week after that, **Gordon Biersch Brewery** hosted a tapping party to introduce their Sommerfest brew with the proceeds to benefit the Virginia Beach Chapter. The staff at Gordon Biersch headed by **Brew Master and Surfrider Foundation Member Allen Young** and

**General Manager Brett Bartlett** did ALL of the legwork to get over 40 local businesses to donate items for a silent auction. They raised over \$2,500 for the chapter in a matter of three hours.

## Washington DC Chapter

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, more than 60 people turned out for the Surfrider Foundation **DC Chapter's** 13th Annual Clean Water Paddle on the Potomac. Participants gathered at Thompson Boat Center in the District and paddled 1.75 miles along the Potomac River to the Key Bridge and back, atop surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks and canoes. Several skateboarders held a banner on the Key Bridge to catch the attention of drivers and pedestrians.

In addition to Chapter members, the group included employees of numerous environmental organizations and federal agencies, including NOAA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, EPA, the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation and The Ocean Conservancy. The paddle was established in 1994 to call attention to water quality and watershed issues—namely, that the water, and the pollution, in DC's rivers ultimately end up in the ocean. On the return trip, participants picked up trash on Roosevelt Island, collecting about a dozen large garbage bags worth of trash.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### Charleston Folly Beach Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Charleston Chapter** continues to promote their highly successful "Dog Rocket" pet waste collection program. The program was started over two years ago as part of their "Bring 3, Leave 2, Use 1 Campaign" to educate the general public to pick up their pet waste, which is typically left on the beach. The Chapter has built, maintained and primarily restocked the pet waste dispensers with bags, which can be found throughout Folly Beach public coastal walkways. The Chapter provides pamphlets to rental agencies and works with local newspapers and neighborhood newsletters to let everybody know about the importance of utilizing this free service. They encourage users to restock the rockets with their used grocery bags, which can also be used as trash bags for day visitors to the local beaches.

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MARTY MORGANELLO

The Charleston Chapter's "Dog Rockets."



Chapter volunteers planted native endangered species as part of their Beach Rescue.

### Grand Strand Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Grand Strand Chapter** held a beach cleanup and a free surf clinic in Myrtle Beach recently. "We have this clinic twice a year to introduce kids to the sport and the importance of preserving our beaches and waters," says **Jared Hendrix, Chapter Treasurer**. "The kids then educate their parents [about environmental concerns] and get them involved."

"We had about 30 kids signed up for this clinic, some from Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, and most were local," says Hendrix.

### GEORGIA

#### Coastal Low Country Chapter

We're happy to welcome our first Surfrider Foundation Chapter in Georgia. **The Coastal Low Country Chapter** lead by **Chapter Chair, Joe Richardson** along with a group of Savannah-based surfers, skim boarders, body boarders, kite boarders, sea kayakers, and other beach users initiated the organizing process back in January 2007 and in July the Coastal Georgia/Low Country Chapter was granted its charter.

"From our very first organizing committee meeting, we agreed that we would like for this Chapter to serve and protect all beach-oriented activities all along the coast of Georgia and across the Savannah River in South Carolina," states Joe Richardson. "Even our first executive committee includes people from surfers to sea kayakers."

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### Cape Fear Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Cape Fear Chapter** and the University of North Carolina Wilmington, UNCW college extension program teamed up for UNCW's Annual Beach Blast. The philosophy for this year's beach blast was "come for fun ... leave only footprints." The event reached 2,000 new first-year college students, most of who are new to the coastal area. Wrightsville Beach Surf Camp owner, **Rick Civelli**, provided free surfing lessons and education regarding water safety. At the culmination of the event, approximately 75 UNCW students performed a Beach Sweep.

### FLORIDA

#### Treasure Coast Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Treasure Coast Chapter** held TWO amazing public forums to generate awareness on the Bonaire Beach Access Issue. Over 100 people from the Hobe Sound area and **Buzz 103** came out to show support of the campaign. They will be getting involved to stop Rep. Mahoney from giving away a potential beach access to the Town of Jupiter Island.

### Suncoast Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Suncoast Chapter** has an official web site thanks to **Ryan Clapper**. Check it out: [www.surfrider.org/suncoast/](http://www.surfrider.org/suncoast/)

### South Florida Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **South Florida Chapter** and **Barefoot Wines** completed their "Beach Rescue Tropical Dune Restoration Project" in July. Chapter volunteers not only helped remove a plethora of invasive exotic plants but also planted native endangered species, *Jacquemontia reclinata* dune vine and beach clustervine. The event was topped off with an amazing evening with **Luscious Jackson Singer Jill Cuniff** at the **Quiksilver** store and **Matt Kechele** donating one of his boards for the silent auction.

### Palm Beach County Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Palm Beach County Chapter** is making good progress on stopping the opening of a new Reverse Osmosis plant's outfall in Lake Worth. The proposed outfall would discharge wastewater containing high concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorus on some of the most beautiful coral reefs north of the Florida Keys, including federally listed corals. After meeting with local politicians and agencies to discuss alternatives, the County Environmental Resource Management and the Fish & Wildlife Commission plan to file a challenge if the DEP proposes to issue a notice to proceed.

A big thanks goes out to **Palm Beach County Chapter** members **Pat Hogan, Jen Hamilton, and Jen Markunas** for coordinating the first Florida Atlantic University, Surfrider, and Palm Beach County invasive species removal project at the nature preserve at Yamato Scrub Park in Boca Raton.



HAROLD HUDSON

The pillar coral is just one of the corals that could be harmed by the nitrogen and phosphorus the proposed outfall would allow.



## TEXAS

### Coastal Bend Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Texas Coastal Bend Chapter** activists scored a major victory when the Corpus Christi City Council unanimously passed a motion to implement beach water-quality posting per the protocol of the Texas General Land Office's Texas Beach Watch Program. Pressure from the Chapter and other groups finally prevailed! Once the Beach Watch Program signs are installed, Corpus Christi residents and tourists alike will be able to make informed decisions before swimming, windsurfing, kiteboarding, kayaking, fishing or surfing in the bay and Gulf waters.

"People need to be able to make informed decisions about going in the water," says **Cliff Schlabbach, Texas Coastal Bend Chapter** activist and a surfer for 44 years.

## CALIFORNIA

### San Luis Bay Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **San Luis Bay Chapter** is currently involved with water pollution issues in Pismo Beach. Pismo is a very popular tourist destination and surf spot, which has been plagued with health advisories due to high levels of fecal and total coliform throughout the year. Several surfers have turned in ocean illness forms claiming symptoms such as rashes, sinus and ear infections, as well as gastrointestinal illness. Though the source of the high fecal counts remains a mystery, the City Council has been pointing fingers at the pigeon population on the pier. There has been no conclusive data to support their convictions, and yet the city has moved rapidly to try to rid the Pismo Pier of the supposed culprits. City Council recently passed an ordinance that has made it illegal to feed the birds. Also, the City has agreed to shell out \$40,000 to trap and relocate the birds and steam clean the pier. That's a lot of money to spend on a hunch.

San Luis Bay Surfrider opposes the City Council's theory that the pigeons are the sole source of the high fecal matter in the water. Chapter members have spoken at several City Council meetings, voicing their concern in the matter. Their belief is that the fecal matter can be coming from several sources and more testing needs to be done in order to find the actual source or sources of the pollution. At the most recent council meeting, one Surfrider member suggested that instead of spending \$40,000 on pigeon trapping, the City should consider putting the money into collecting data via extensive testing to find out what the real sources might be.



LAURA ERICKSON

Are these guys the true culprits of San Luis Bay's high levels of fecal and total coliform?

### San Francisco Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **San Francisco Chapter** is actively involved in encouraging community members and local businesses to reduce their use of plastic. The Chapter, along with other environmental organizations went to a hearing for the Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance at City Hall, on March 8, 2007. Chapter activists were there to support the passage of this very important ordinance and on March 27<sup>th</sup> San Francisco's Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 to make the city the first in the nation to prohibit petroleum-based plastic checkout bags in large markets and pharmacies.

While this is clearly a victory, there is still work to be done and the Chapter is continuing with the second part of the campaign, which includes: 1) asking local grocers what their plans are for the change and making sure they are prepared to switch in the near future; 2) staying prepared to get involved if things are not progressing in the time frame promised by the city; 3) encouraging the public to know their Supervisor, watch what they are doing, how they are voting and to write them a letter if they're doing something you disagree with.

### Santa Cruz Chapter

Lead by Surfrider Foundation's **Santa Cruz and Monterey Chapters**, dozens of members, and supporters from other environmental groups and community activists appeared before the Capitola City Council on June 28, 2007 in support of a local ordinance banning the use of Styrofoam food take-out containers in City businesses. Prior to this meeting, the Chapter rallied the public to contact council members directly in support of the proposed ordinance and hundreds of calls, letters and emails were received displaying an overwhelming public demand for the council to take positive action. Subsequently the vote enacted the Styrofoam ban, but delayed enforcement until re-consideration in October. The Santa Cruz Chapter continues to advocate for this and similar public ordinances around the Monterey Bay region and has communicated with the City of Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz County on this issue.

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### Santa Barbara & Isla Vista Chapters

Surfrider Foundation's **Santa Barbara & Isla Vista Chapters** enlisted the help of some volunteers from Citrix Online on Friday, August 24 to perform a cleanup of the beach near the El Embarcadero beach access staircase. At the end of a couple of hours of dragging rusty chairs, barbecue grills, and bags of cans and bottles down the beach and up the stairs, the crew ended up with a grand total of about 30 bags full of trash.



SCOTT BULL

With waves like these you'd want to keep your beach clean too!



Portland Chapter members braved the cold temperatures to paddle for clean water.

### West LA / Malibu Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **West LA / Malibu Chapter** spoke in favor of the City of Malibu's proposed Septic Point-Of-Sale Ordinance. The proposed law would require inspection of an existing onsite wastewater treatment system at or within two years of the time of transfer of title to the property owner served by the system. The intent of the program, according to city officials, is to identify and correct systems which pose a risk to public health and safety and the environment.

### Long Beach Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Long Beach Chapter** won a momentous victory on July 24th with a 7 to 1 city council vote to fund a reconnaissance study for reconfiguring the breakwater. Local Long Beach Chapter representatives, described in one news article as "looking somewhat like a football cheering section" held giant letters spelling out "RESTORE THE SHORE." This is a moment for all citizens of Long Beach to celebrate, and all Surfrider Foundation members to be thankful. This is also a time for Long Beach Chapter members to show up and get active, because there's still work to be done.

### HAWAII

#### Maui Chapter

The Hawaiian State DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation plans to add a second dock to Lahaina Harbor on the Ka'anapali side of Maui to accommodate inter-island ferries—not the super ferry which is planned for Kahului Harbor—but the two ferries that run between Molokai and Maui and Lanai and Maui.

The DLNR plan does not increase the number of boat slips at Lahaina Small Boat Harbor or harm the surf sites at this point. The DLNR plan includes constructing a floating platform and movable gangway to provide safe access to the water from the new and existing piers. Surfers are discouraged from jumping off of the end of the existing pier and crossing the entrance channel to the harbor for safety reasons. **Jan Roberson** of Surfrider Foundation's **Maui Chapter** is working with the DLNR and Dept of Transportation, Harbors Division to ensure access to the surf breaks is maintained at all times.

### OREGON

#### Portland Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Portland Chapter** wrapped up a busy summer of events and is moving into the fall with new Snowrider projects and programs as well as a newly established Blue Water Task Force lab at Astoria High School's Applied Science Center. Summer programs and events from beach cleanups, Riverkeeper partnerships, tabling and outreach brought out many new coastal volunteers that will help strengthen the Chapter's engagement in coastal campaigns and stewardship efforts. Most recently, the

Chapter hosted a paddle out for clean water on the Willamette River in Portland, drawing hundreds of participants, media and onlookers! The event was targeted to raise awareness of the reauthorization of the BEACH Act (BEACH Protection Act 2007), Healthy Rivers Act, and how this federal legislature would help address some local water-quality issues in Oregon. Great work and major kudos to **Chapter activist, Liz Crosson** for coordinating this event! Catch up with Portland Chapter campaigns and general happenings at: [www.surfrider.org/portland/index.html](http://www.surfrider.org/portland/index.html)

### Central Coast Chapter

Surfrider Foundation's **Central Coast Chapter volunteer and activist, Joe Haxel** helped install new dog poop bag dispensers and Surfrider Foundation signs at South Beach State Park and the South Beach Jetty access road. The new bag dispensers are part of a recent Chapter partnership with Oregon State Park's Adopt-a-Park program and Surfrider Foundation's Central Oregon Coast Chapter. Purchasing, installing and maintaining the signage and dispensers are just one small part of this stewardship effort with South Beach State Park. Regular water-quality monitoring, beach cleanups and trail maintenance at the park are also part of this partnership. This summer, the Chapter participated in seven different cleanup events, captaining the international cleanup in September as well as special cleanup efforts after July 4<sup>th</sup>, surf contests and other events.

No job is too dirty for Central Coast Chapter volunteer and activist, Joe Haxel, who helped install new dog poop bag dispensers.



CHARLIE PLYBON



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## Pulp, Pollution & Politics: An Update on The Gunns Pulp Mill By Thomas Moore

What began as objections from a dedicated and savvy group of Surfrider Foundation activists opposed to the construction of Australia's largest pulp mill upstream from their favorite surf break has now captured national attention during an election year. With the controversy over the Tasmanian mill plan featured in newspapers and on television news around the country, the federal government is under ever-increasing pressure and rumors are flying in the media that certain aspects of the proposed 1.4 billion dollar project, from technology to location, are being reconsidered.

In late August 2007, Surfrider Foundation Australia's Northern Tasmania Branch had the opportunity to submit their comments on the Gunns proposal as required by Australia's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC). In their submission to Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Surfrider discussed scientific analyses from seven separate reports that show hydrodynamic modeling done on the proposed mill's ocean discharge was "inadequate," "unrealistic," and that, without significant revision and effort, the "uncertainty associated with the original modeling will remain unacceptably large."

Surfrider Foundation is concerned about the impact that the ocean disposal of up to 51 billion liters per year of industrial effluent will

Surfrider Foundation Australia's Northern Tasmania Branch President Peter Whish-Wilson speaks before a crowd of 3,000 at the Albert Hall, Launceston, TAS earlier this year.

have on the Tasmanian coastal environment, marine industries, marine ecosystems, and human health, saying "beyond our concerns for the coast, our natural heritage, Tasmanian marine-based businesses, and our fellow citizens, we are concerned for our members who recreate and utilize the coastal amenities less than 3 miles away from the proposed outfall on a regular basis."

Minister Turnbull's current "Proposed Pulp Mill Decision And Draft Conditions" allows the timber corporation to start construction before their "hydrodynamic homework" is complete. Surfrider Foundation made it clear to the Minister and his Department that this is "wholly unacceptable and irresponsible."

Currently, all are waiting for Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr. Jim Peacock and his panel of independent experts to deliver their report on the proposed mill to Minister Turnbull. With the Federal election imminent, Turnbull's surf-centric Sydney seat of Wentworth is under threat and anti-mill sentiment is running high. It is still unclear when a final decision will be made by the Minister.

Updates on the situation since this article was submitted can be found on Surfrider Foundation's Blog at: [www.surfrider.org/blogger/blogger.asp](http://www.surfrider.org/blogger/blogger.asp)

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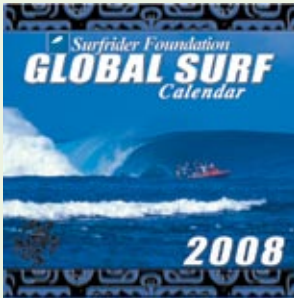
## A SURF ODYSSEY

If Matisse or Picasso had grown up surfing, golfing and living in Southern California, they may likely have turned out like Robb Havassy. A former international fashion model for the likes of Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Christian Dior and Armani, Havassy, a graduate of U.C. Irvine with a BA in psychology, began his formal painting career in 1996 after receiving a beginner's art kit as a 26th birthday present. Entirely self-taught, his first "traditional" painting was a small surfing portrait of Duke Kahanamoku. More than 1,000 paintings later, the success that followed Havassy's first little watercolor has been manifold, garnering him both national and international acclaim. Robb has been donating his talents to the Surfrider Foundation in many ways for many years. One such effort is his annual calendar, which benefits the Surfrider Foundation. To purchase your 2008 A Surf Odyssey calendar visit [www.surfrider.org](http://www.surfrider.org). You can also check out Robb's original artwork at [www.havassyart.com](http://www.havassyart.com). Thank you Robb for all your support!

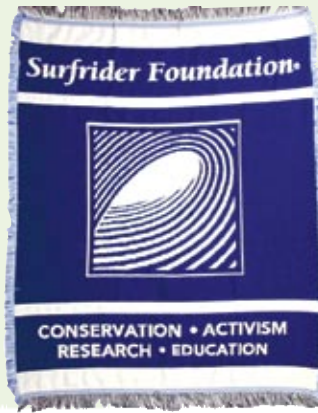


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